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In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 10-210435, dated August 7, 1998, together with English-language Abstract;
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 10-145757, dated May 29, 1998, together with English-language Abstract;

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3. Published Japanese translation of a PCT Application No. 10-513324, dated December 15, 1998;
4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 11-153956, dated June 8, 1999, together with English-language abstract;
5. International Publication No. WO 99/60791, dated November 25, 1999;
6. International Publication No. WO 99/45706, dated September 10, 1999;
7. Published Japanese translation of a PCT Application No. 2002-516538, dated June 4, 2002; and
8. Published Japanese translation of a PCT Application No. 2001-525152, dated December 4, 2001.

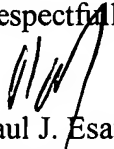
The references were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated February 10, 2004 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with an English translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Official Action. References 1 and 5 listed in the Official Action, namely, Tae-Yun Chung, et al., "Digital Watermarking for Copyright Protection of MPEG2 Compressed Video" and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 11-341452, dated December 10, 1999 were previously submitted in applicant's information disclosure statement dated September 26, 2003 and March 23, 2001, respectively. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references

were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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